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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

TAGS: PARM

SUBJECT: MK-12A (SALT TWO-1492)

REF: A. STATE 177386

B. PAPER: ALTERNATIVE DEFINITIONS FOR A "NEW TYPE"

ICBM, DATED 7 JULY 1977

1. DELEGATION IS CONSIDERING U.S. PROPOSAL RE "NEW TYPES" AS IT AFFECTS THE NUMBER OF RVS WHICH CAN BE FLIGHT-TESTED AND DEPLOYED ON EXISTING MIRVED MISSILES.

2. TAKING REF B AS A WHOLE AND IN PARTICULAR DEFINITION 2, FOOTNOTE TO DEFINITION 2, AND DEFINITION 4 (BASIS OF INSTRUCTIONS), IT WOULD APPEAR THAT ANY MIRVED ICBM FLIGHT-TESTED AS OF THE DATE OF SIGNATURE COULD BE FLIGHT-TESTED AND/OR DEPLOYED DURING THE PERIOD OF THE PROTOCOL WITH ANY NUMBER OF RVS SO LONG AS THE RVS WERE NOT DIFFERENT IN TYPE FROM THOSE PREVIOUSLY TESTED AND SO LONG AS THE NUMBER OF RVS DOES NOT EXCEED THE MAXIMUM NUMBER PREVIOUSLY TESTED ON THAT MISSILE (AND, OF COURSE, SO LONG AS NO OTHER NAMED COMPONENT,

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SUCH AS PBV, WAS CHANGED).

3. HOWEVER, THE CITED FOOTNOTE REFERS TO "THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF RVS THE MISSILE IS EQUIPPED TO CARRY" (EMPHASIS ADDED TO "EQUIPPED TO CARRY"). THIS NUMBER IS NOT EASILY VERIFIABLE AND LEAVES POSSIBLE ROOM FOR SOVIETS TO INCREASE NUMBER OF RVS ON EXISTING SYSTEMS

BEYOND MAXIMUM NUMBER ALREADY TESTED, SO LONG AS PBV  
AND RV TYPES REMAIN UNCHANGED.

4. DELEGATION INTENDS TO MAKE IT UNAMBIGUOUSLY CLEAR THAT  
MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PERMITTED RVs PER MIRVED ICBM SHALL  
BE FROZEN, AT DATE OF SIGNATURE, AT MAXIMUM NUMBER OF  
RVs TESTED AS OF THAT DATE AND THAT TESTS AND DEPLOYMENT  
WITH NUMBERS LOWER THAN THAT FIGURE, WHETHER OR NOT  
PREVIOUSLY TESTED, SHALL BE PERMITTED. APPROPRIATE  
CHANGES TO US PROPOSAL WILL BE MADE AT AN EARLY DATE  
UNLESS INSTRUCTED TO THE CONTRARY.

5. IN CONNECTION WITH THIS ISSUE, WE NOTE THAT US  
MK-12A HAS BEEN FLIGHT-TESTED SINGLY AND IN TWOS BUT  
NOT IN THREE-RV CONFIGURATION.

6. WE ARE ALSO AWARE THAT PROPOSED CLARIFICATION MUST  
BE KEPT IN MIND IN DETERMINING CUT-OFF DATE FOR  
EXEMPTED SLBM TESTING. EARLE

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